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Santa's Tractor Run **Saturday 6th** **December** *2025*

from 5pm-8:30pm

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Staythorpe | Upton | Southwell
| Halam | Edingley | Farnsfield |
Oxton | Calverton | Woodborough
| Epperstone | Lowdham |
Hoveringham | Thurgarton |
Bleasby*



5.00pm Morton – 5.10pm Fiskerton – 5.15pm Rolleston/Staythorpe

5.30pm Upton – 5.45pm Southwell

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What Am I Reading?

Catland: Feline Enchantment and the Making of the Modern World, by Kathryn Hughes (2024) Published by 4th Estate, an Imprint of HarperCollins, London
*'During 1884 and 1885 [Louis] Wain published several pictures of cats doing cat things – chasing butterflies, hiding from boisterous dogs – in a range of magazines. It is not, though, until the 4 December 1886 edition of **The Illustrated London News** that we get the first siting of Catland, a fully feline world where the cats are in charge and humans do not figure, even off-stage. A Kittens Christmas Party consists of eleven panels in which cats – although not yet wearing clothes – send out invitations, spruce up their surroundings, make puddings and devise games including hunt the slipper. On the night itself they dance with each other, and one juvenile pair sneaks off to kiss under the mistletoe.'*

Upton WI News

On Tuesday 18th November we enjoyed immensely the WI Birthday Lunch held at the Cross Keys – thank you, Joy & Neil. On Tuesday 25th November Jon Cook gave a talk on Bouquets and Borders. The next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd January 2026 with a Home-spun Workshop.

The ladies of the WI wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.
Penny Stephenson

Upton Volunteer Cooperative Coffee Mornings

Are you new to the village, newly retired or at a loose end on a Tuesday morning? Join us for a lively chat with refreshments, **every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall.**



Upton Volunteer Cooperative Knit & Natter Group

Join our daytime group, and bring along your knitting, crochet or sewing projects. Help given if needed. **We now meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall at the same time as coffee mornings.**

December meetings: 4th & 18th January meetings: 6th & 20th

For more details, email Annie Brand at anniefb@aol.com or phone 819989.



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Church News

Sadly, we have lost a much-loved member of our community. Kirsty Adlard died only weeks after her 90th birthday. She had lived almost all her married life in Upton, brought up her children here, and wrote for our *Lingering Look Behind* a vivid account of all the changes she had seen. Her funeral will be held in Upton Church on Monday 29th December at 9.45am. We send her family our condolences. She will be missed.

November has certainly lived up to its reputation – days and nights as cold as the beginning of January and even snow only a few miles from here. Much has happened in Church this month. At our service of comfort for those we have lost recently, many attended from across the benefice and lit candles for loved ones. Then at our service for Remembrance Sunday we learnt so much about those Uptonians who served in WW2 and far back in time. Unfortunately, the long-delayed Harvest Supper had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and competition from the PCC Christmas Party. Well we will do better next year!

So Christmas looms before us with all its spiritual and commercial interests. **Newark Women's Aid is appealing for gifts by 9th December for covered hot water bottles, hand warmers, small throws, socks, torches, umbrellas and toiletries.** If you can help, please leave your gifts in church and they will be delivered.

And what of our Church celebrations? Our Advent service will be held on Sunday 7th December, led by Barbara. On Sunday 21st December we welcome you all to our Candle-Lit Carol Service at 6.00pm, led by Revd James and hopefully followed by mince pies and wine. On Christmas Day the Benefice Service is at Bleasby. Here at Upton the church will be open for prayers and music. As there is no Tonic in January, here are the services across the Benefice for December and January.

Services Across the Benefice in December and January:

- Sunday 7th December: Advent service at Upton led by Barbara
Sunday 14th December: Holy Communion at Halloughton led by Revd James
Sunday 21st December: Carols for Everyone at Bleasby
Candle-lit Carols at Upton at 6.00pm led by Revd James
Sunday 28th December: Holy Communion at Morton led by Revd James

Sunday 4th January: Epiphany Morning Praise at Bleasby led by Angela Green
Morning Praise at Upton led by David Hanson
Sunday 11th January: Morning Praise at Halloughton led by David Hanson
Plough Sunday Service at Morton led by David Hanson
Holy Communion at Rolleston led by Revd James 9.15am
Sunday 18th January: Holy Communion at Upton led by Revd James
Sunday 25th January: Morning Praise at Hoveringham led by David Hanson
Holy Communion at Thurgarton led by Revd James

All services start at 10.30am unless otherwise stated.

Zoom worship is held each Sunday at 9.00am.

Barbara Page, Church Warden



Kirsty Adlard

The Adlards came to Ashleigh in 1962. They wanted their youngsters to have space to play. Upton soil gave not only fruit and vegetables, but also great pleasure to both of them.

The phone used to ring a lot. What was Mum *NOT* involved in? The Brownies, the Youth Club, the Upton Fête, the WI, the Co-op, A Lingering Look Behind, the Parish Council, the choir and the Church. This list is by no means exhaustive. Multiple networks were set up or strengthened with the Butlers, the Cowlings, the Gillespies, the Halls, the Jordans, the Pages, the Smiths, and so many more.

When the steps in the house and the size of the garden got too much for them, they moved to a small bungalow in Newark which also has a glorious garden. Some of the Upton friendships survived the distance and the growing difficulties Mum (and her friends) had to get about and travel.

As Mary so rightly put it, “The only way to have a friend, you have to be a friend.” Mum was a friend to so many, and had already asked for “very warm wishes not only for Christmas but for the coming New Year” to be added to the December Tonic’s Christmas Greetings from your Friends.

Dad passed away during Covid. The borders were closed, so we were not able to make it across.

I’m proud, in a way, that Mum’s passing was caused by her need to get out for a game of scrabble. We had a match in August. I was neck and neck with a 90-year-old!

Kirsty has 6 grandchildren: in order of age, Laura, Joris, Charlotte, Hugo, Shafika and Kazmira. She also has 6 great-grandchildren: Elliot, Céleste, Axel, Gus, Noah and Raffy. It’s a real shame that Raffy never met his great-grandmother. Her everlasting love will accompany our Dad Richard, ourselves, her friends and God.

If you would like to share her final farewell, please feel more than welcome to join us at Upton Church at 9.45am on Monday 29th December 2025. This will be followed by a cremation at Mansfield Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations to Alzheimer’s Society.

Dawn, Monica and Andrew Adlard



Parish Council Notes

www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk

Upton Parish Council met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th November 2025. We had a report from Newark & District Council regarding the state of Home Farm, and we are assured that the Council is taking matters in hand to rectify the condition of Home Farm in the near future.

The Village Christmas Lunch is taking place on Sunday 30th November. We have approximately 50 people attending and would like to thank all those for supporting and those who are giving up their time to help at this event. We hope it will be enjoyable and successful experience.

The Village Hall roof is now complete. Boiler maintenance has taken place and, in due course, the glazing will be replaced in the Village Hall windows. The trees that were overhanging the footpath alongside the hall have been trimmed back. Hopefully, this will make things better for all using the cut-through to the Village Hall. The Parish Council do not meet in December so the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I'd like to wish all villagers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to a Prosperous 2026.

Malcolm Yates, Chairman

Upton Monthly Village Draw

The November Village Hall lottery was drawn at the meeting. Congratulations to the prize winners:

1 st prize £50:	E McHaffie 192
2 nd prize £25:	J Toye 100
3 rd prize £10:	S Mckie 081
4 th prize £5:	P Chambers 208



Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Please come and join us for the Annual Carols Around the Christmas Tree on The Green on Christmas Eve: with mulled wine or mulled cider at 5pm in The Colliers Garden, followed by Carols around the tree at 5.30pm, and a visit from a Special Guest around 5.45pm - timings have changed from previous years.

We hope as many villagers as possible will join in this lovely festive event.

If the weather is inclement, the Carols will take place in the Village Hall.



Royal British Legion Poppy Collection



Thank you to all who so kindly and generously supported this year's collection for our Armed Forces Community. Without your support the Royal British Legion could not carry out their valuable work.

My personal thanks to you all.

Wendy E Whitaker

Christmas Greetings from your Friends



As in previous years, I shall not be sending Christmas cards but I shall send a cheque to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. However, I do wish all my village friends and neighbours "A Very Happy Christmas and all that you would wish yourselves in the New Year".

Mary Hall (Mill Lane)

Theresa and David Pick would like to wish all Uptonians, friends and families "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". We have decided this year to save a tree or two and will be making a donation to Beaumont House Hospice instead of sending cards. Lots of Love at this special time.

David & Theresa

To all my Upton friends, "A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year."

Sheila Clarke



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Crib Service
2PM, NAVE

Christmas Eve Evensong
3.30PM, QUIRE

Eucharist of Christmas Night
11.15PM, NAVE 
PREACHER: THE BISHOP OF
SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion
8AM, QUIRE

Cathedral Eucharist
10AM, NAVE 

Festal Mattins
11.15AM, QUIRE

Holy Communion
12.30PM, QUIRE

Evening Prayer with Carols
3.30PM, QUIRE







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Booking in advance is advisable: 01636 813269

Please see updates on our website: crosskeysupton.co.uk

Cooked takeaway food can be collected from us from 5pm to 8pm,

Monday to Saturday – orders taken throughout the day.

Beer is also available on a takeaway basis.

Menus will vary according to availability. Vegetarian or other dietary requirements catered for. If you want any other food, please ask.

Call us if you have special requirements.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any allergies.

Pash & Joy xx

◊ Cross Keys Menu ◊

All priced at £12.50 All served with Chips or Rice, Peas or Salad

Fish Scampi Pie Burger Lasagne Sausage & Mash Curry Chilli
Jacket Potato (various fillings) £12.50

Specials:

Horseshoe Gammon with Egg or Pineapple, Chips & Peas £15.95

BBQ Pork Ribs with Onion Rings, Chips or Rice & Peas £15.95

Liver & Bacon in Onion Gravy with Mash, Carrots & Peas £15.95

12oz Sirloin Steak with Chips, Onion Rings, Mushrooms & Salad £17.95

Pasta Bake Tomato & Mascarpone or Chicken Arrabbiata

With Garlic Bread & Salad £15.95

Kids' Menu:

All priced at £7.95 and served with Chips & Beans or Peas

Chicken Nuggets Fish Fingers Sausages Burger

◊ Sunday Lunch Choice of Meats £13.95 ◊

Served from 12 noon to 4pm Please ring in advance to order.

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